

Which were the Middle Colonies?

The Middle Colonies were New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

- ▶ The first settlers in the Middle Colonies were from the Netherlands and Sweden. English settlers arrived later.
- ▶ Long after the English took over, the Dutch (from the Netherlands) outnumbered them in New York and New Jersey.
- ▶ No American colonies were founded by Germans, but German settlers were the largest group in much of Pennsylvania.

1681

William Penn, an English Quaker, founds Pennsylvania as a colony of religious tolerance.

